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Chomutov.

1. [redacted] a motorized mortar unit was stationed in the Stefanik Barracks on Zborovska ulice, Chomutov (Kozotau) (N 51/F 02). Trucks towing heavy mortars were repeatedly observed leaving the installation. (1)
2. The Masaryk Barracks on Masaryk Square consisted of two old buildings on either side of the Jesuit Church. Horse stables were in the yard behind the buildings. Units were repeatedly observed leaving or entering the installation on foot. About 30 soldiers on horseback rode from the Masaryk Barracks to a drill ground at the southern perimeter of the town. (2)
3. A garrison about 800 meters north of the Chomutov railroad station consisted of 10 to 12 wooden barracks, each about 30 meters long, and was surrounded by a 2m high fence. [redacted] an infantry unit at this installation in May 1951. (3)
4. A line of old concrete emplacements and pillboxes ran near Otvice (Udwitz) (N 51/F 02). Local residents used them for storage purposes, but had to clear them by the fall of 1949. The entrances were thereupon boarded up. [redacted] whether the old fortifications were reconditioned or whether new ones constructed. (4)
5. Up to [redacted] no air raid precautionary measures were observed in Chomutov. The wartime air raid sirens were still available. No recruits arrived in [redacted] but about 600 recruits had arrived in [redacted] However, they left Chomutov for an unknown destination two weeks after their arrival. (5)

Soviet Officers in Zatec.

6. In [redacted] about 15 Soviet officers were observed in Zatec (Saaz) (N 51/F 10). They wore green uniforms, high boots and visor-type caps with a yellow band. An [redacted] who served at Zatec, said that a Soviet staff was staying in the town. (4)

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Comments.

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1. In the Stefanik Barracks in Chomutov was occupied by an unidentified infantry unit which included motorized mortars.

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. It cannot be determined whether the unit is the 9th Inf Regt which was previously identified there.

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2. A previous report stated that an officer and NCO training school was located in the Masaryk Barracks.

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3. The garrison was previously occupied by an unidentified AAA unit. See

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4. The Soviet officers were probably supervising the training of the tank units stationed in Zatec.

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